

I fairly new to satellite radio having subscribed to XM's service this past Christmas. I have to say that in the short time since, I have become a radio listener. I have never listened to any type of radio, FM or AM, for any reason other than a football broadcast while traveling in the car. The service offered by XM is different and top quality. Not only is there continuity in channels everywhere I want to go and not only in the geographic market allowed by the government for traditional stations, but the programming options are through the roof! I listen to nothing, but the talk radio stations offered by XM, especially the CNN en Espanol, channel 134. The variety offered by XM is and the quality of service accompanying it are outstanding and have lead me to recommend satellite radio to many people. If XM has not broken any laws, I think it completely unfair that traditional stations could hinder, or worse, halt this new and exceptional service being offered with satellite radio. The FCC should allow us, the American consumer to decide if satellite radio is worthwhile. Allowing a lobbying group to decide something like this simply because of money and fear of losing customers like myself, who never truly used their product is an absurd result in a free market society. Satellite radio, if operated under the law, should be allowed it opportunity the same as traditional stations were to prove their product is viable and their business plan successful. I think it appauling that an idustry lobbying arm could crush the First Amendment rights of satellite service providers and especially the rights of the listening public. I refused to let NAB determine my selection of radio programming before by not listening to them and absent my current option in its entirety I would again choose nothing over FM or AM programming.